

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Children's Performance Indicator Project Advisory Group

FROM: John Pandiani
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RE: Community Mental Health Children's Services Clients
Served per Capita

This is the fourth in our series of reports on access to children's services in Vermont. The attached tables present community mental health center Children's Services Programs utilization per capita for Vermont's ten community mental health service areas.

We look forward to your comments on the quality of the data, the appropriateness of the analysis, and the effectiveness of the presentation of these data, as well as your interpretation of the results.

Children and Adolescents Served per Capita: Children's Services Programs

Question: Does the proportion of children and adolescents who reside in each of Vermont's ten community mental health service areas and who receive services from community mental health Children's Services Programs vary substantially among the ten regions?

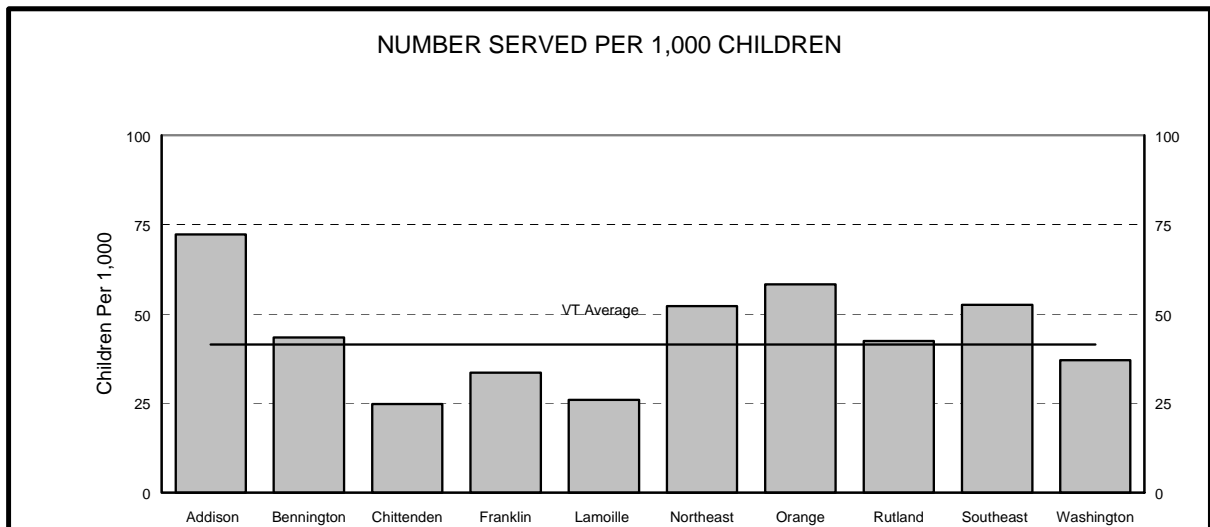
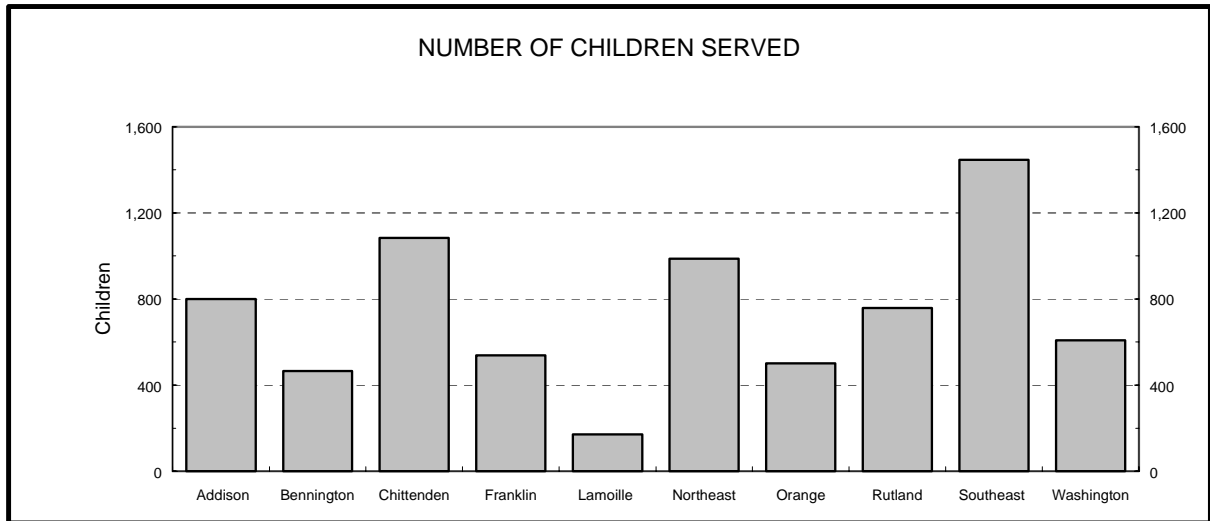
Data: Information on the number of children and adolescents (less than 22 years of age) who receive services from community mental health Children's Services Programs was obtained from FY1996 Quarterly Service Reports submitted to DDMHS by community providers. Population figures are projections for 1995 based on estimates published by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont.

Analysis: Children and adolescents per 1,000 are reported for the state as a whole and for each community mental health service area. Rates per 1,000 were derived by dividing the number of children served in each service area by the total number of children in the area. The answer was then multiplied by 1,000.

Results: There was substantial variation in the rates of children and adolescents in Vermont's ten service areas who were served by Children's Services Programs during FY1996. The Addison service area had the highest rate of children and adolescents served (72 per 1,000 children). The Chittenden and Lamoille service areas had the lowest rates of service (25 and 26 per 1,000 children).

Next Questions: How do these utilization rates compare to similar programs in other states? Have utilization rates changed over time? How do differences in utilization rates relate to the other measures of access we reviewed over the past three weeks?

CHILDREN SERVED BY CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS PER 1,000 POPULATION



Region/Provider	Children's Population	Total Children and Adolescents Served	Children Served Per 1,000 Population
Addison - CSAC	11,078	800	72
Bennington - UCS	10,734	466	43
Chittenden - HCHS	43,730	1,083	25
Franklin - FGI	16,016	537	34
Lamoille - LCMHS	6,588	171	26
Northeast - NEK	18,906	986	52
Orange - CMC	8,598	501	58
Rutland - RACS	17,877	759	42
Southeast - HCRSSV	27,572	1,447	52
Washington - WCMHS	16,429	608	37
Vermont	177,528	7,358	41

Population figures are based on quarterly service reports submitted by Vermont's Community Service Providers for FY1996. Population figures are projections for 1995 based on the latest estimates published by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont. 'Children's Population' includes people less than 22 years of age.